Attachment of Nanded division to Central Railway

3179. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for attachment of Nanded railway division to Central Railway is long pending before the Central Government;

(b) whether Maharashtra Government has been requesting again and again to the Central Government for attachment of Nanded division with Central Railway as it would be more beneficial for the citizens of Nanded region and also convenient for better administration; and

(c) what is the present status of the proposal and what would be the likely decision of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The decision to place a particular division under a particular zone is taken based on the operational/administrative requirements without any regional considerations. The proposal, when seen in the light of the above criterion has not been found feasible.

Security of keys of EMU units

3180. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) why the motorman of EMU units in Chennai are asked to carry and keep the keys with them even while they are off the duty against rule 4-19 which stipulates that they should carry the keys while on duty only; and

(b) whether the Ministry would take steps to secure the keys while the motormen are off duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Motormen in Chennai division of Southern Railway have been issued special four keys for operation of EMUs as per the stipulation of AC Traction Manual 1994, Vol-III-Para 30701 as motormen's personal effects. While off duty, motormen have to keep the keys in their briefcases which are kept secured in crew lobby. While resuming duty, these briefcases are taken back by the motorman. A few lockers are also provided for motormen to keep their briefcases, during off duty hours. This system is being followed in Western and Central Railway.

Target of daily income fixed for Pench Valley fast passenger train

†3181. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether income targets are fixed for trains from commercial point of view and if so, the target of daily income fixed for 285 Pench Valley fast passenger train;

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